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Architects To Discuss The Design Process

The Affiliate Membership Program for March includes two buildings in Boston with the. Architects describing the process that went into the creation of these buildings.

The first presentation is with Peter Chermayeff AIA of Cambridge Seven. He will be at the Aquarium, Central Wharf, on Friday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m. to give the history of the building of the Aquarium.

Hugh Stubbins FAIA will discuss the design process of the Federal Reserve Building, 600 Atlantic Avenue. This presentation will take place on Thursday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m.

These times and dates have been changed from the original announcement and you are asked to so note. All members of the Chapter are invited to these and all programs prepared for the Affiliate Membership Program. The Affiliate category was established this year for the large number of people in the Greater Boston area who are interested in the architecture of the city. It has included tours of architects' offices, lectures and will continue with these presentations in March followed by a final lecture on April 23 at 5:30 by Robert Campbell, Architect and critic for the *Globe*.

The program for 1979-1980 concludes on May 10 with Tours of Architects' Houses in the Greater Boston area.

The Aquarium — Steve Rosenthal Photo

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston — Edward Jacoby Photo

News from President Fraser and the Board of Directors

Board to Recommend New Location of Bookshop and Offices

The Board of Directors voted unanimously at the February meeting to recommend a new location for the Chapter offices and Bookshop. The Board acted on the recommendation of Earl Flansburgh FAIA, Chairman of the Space Search Committee, to proceed with an open membership meeting of the Board of Directors. The proposed new location is at the Charles Street Meeting House at the corner of Charles Street and Mt. Vernon.

The Charles Street Meeting House has been acquired by John Sharratt AIA, a member of the Chapter. John is renovating the interior space into retail and office as well as locating his office and residence in the building.

The search for a new location has been prompted by several factors. Perhaps the need for a stronger public identity for the profession — a window on the world — is foremost. Certainly the members' identity with the Chapter through the Bookshop and the Exhibit space as well as the opportunity for stepped-up programming are the other factors.

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Annual Conference and Producer's Exhibit — April 1 & 2

This is the seventh consecutive conference scheduled this year for April 1 & 2. The two-day format similar to last year's will allow time for exhibit browsing between seminar topics of timely professional interest. The complete program will be mailed to you in about two weeks.

Seminar topics will include: "Running your Own Office for Fun and Profit," "Preservation in the 1980's," "Article 22: New Opportunities for Innovative Design, Adaptive Reuse."

In addition a slide show entitled "The Building as an Energy System: Solar Design and Renewable Energy Sources in the Coming Decade" will be scheduled. This will be followed by a seminar on "The Massachusetts' New Energy Code: A Blueprint for the Future."

"New Frontiers in Design — Post Modernism Pro & Contra" will conclude the seminars.

In addition the American Institute of Steel Construction Awards luncheon is open to all members who are invited as guests. The program will close April 2 with an Annual Awards Dinner.

The entire conference is scheduled at Howard Johnson's 57, 200 Stuart Street, Boston.

Board Opposes Mandatory Continuing Education

The Board passed the following resolution on the matter of Registration and Continuing Education. It was voted: "To acknowledge the validity of professional continuing education and the need for increased enforcement of the present regulations but nevertheless to oppose the program of mandatory continuing education as proposed by the Board of Registration in its recent brochure."

Membership

New Members
Peter O. Hanley AIA
Valdis Kirsis AIA
Daniel Lambert Meus AIA
Robert H. Quigley, Jr.
David J. Rowan AIA
John P. Ruffing AIA
Michael Southworth AIA
David Tubridy AIA
John L. Wilson AIA

New Associate Member
Thomas K. Davis

Applicants for Membership
Russ Van Vleck Bradley, Jr.
Bruno D'Agostino
Edward L. Dusek
Michael Angelo Interbartolo, Jr.
Edward Talanian
Kenneth Taylor
Richard L. Tuve

Applicants for Associate Membership
Marlene Kay Davis
Robert Dale Johnson

Transfer to Boston
Richard M. Sweitzer AIA
from Central Pennsylvania Chapter

The Energy Committee's Agenda for 1980

At the top of the list comes the proposed *BEPS program* (Building Energy Performance Standards), a new federal program conceived as the architectural answer to the ASHRAE standards. The public hearings scheduled in April represent a first opportunity for the Chapter to file a position paper and to participate publicly in the growing debate over BEPS. To prepare this position paper the Energy Committee will be working jointly with both the Codes Committee and the Commissioner on Public Affairs.

Next comes an expressed desire for the Chapter to begin preparing *one-page mini publications on a case-study basis* of significant architectural activity in the residential sector as it involves Energy Auditing. Areas such as active and passive solar, conservation and retrofit, as well as energy management and auditing could be the focus of single sheets jointly prepared by the Housing Committee and the Energy Committee. This outreach by the Chapter in the form of flyers to the public could go a long way towards alerting the public to the profession's involvement with the energy revolution.

The third area involves the need to develop some sort of *Clearinghouse* capability within the Chapter as it touches on the public's interest in energy and building. The almost daily need by the profession to respond to inquiries of an energy nature suggests that a plan for developing outreach capabilities that can be identified with the regular services which the Chapter affords be studied.

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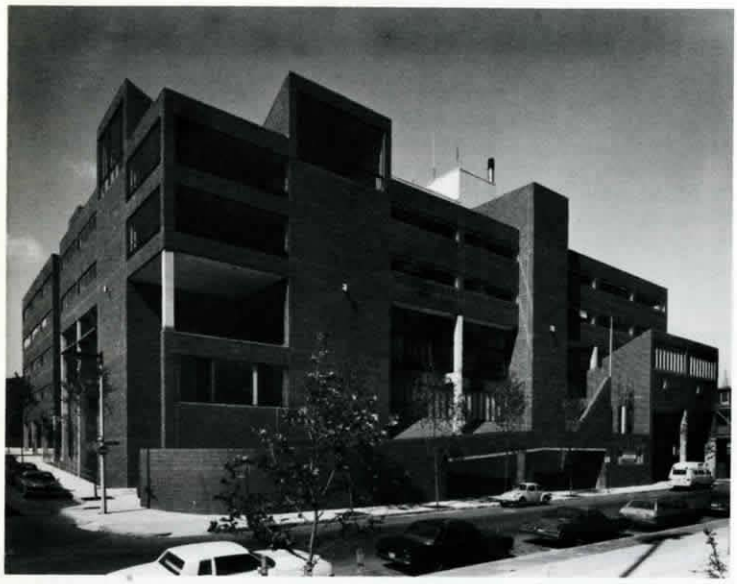

Charlestown High School — Peter Vanderwarker Photo

BSA Member Firm Again Wins National School Design Award

The Cambridge architectural firm of Hill Miller Friedlaender Hollander, Inc. has been named the recipient of the 1980 Walter Taylor Award for its Charlestown High School. The award is given jointly by the American Association of School Administrators and the American Institute of Architects for excellence in school architecture. The thirteen million dollar Charlestown complex was chosen as the best school design from a national field of 147 schools submitted. The award was presented to the firm at the AASA's annual convention, held this year in Anaheim, California on February 15-18.

This marks the second time the Cambridge firm has been so honored. Its Brewster Elementary School received the Walter Taylor Award in 1977.

Report on Competitive Bidding at BBC

A continuation of reporting on competitive bidding for public work through the Bureau of Building Construction.

In response to many requests we are publishing the bids. The firm selected is underlined.

Title/Location	DSB Recommended Fee	Firms Recommended by DSB	Bid
Renovations to Provide Facilities for the Physically Handicapped Boston State College	12%	Boston Architectural Team, Inc.	7.75%
		Wilson Rains & Assoc.	8.0%
		George A. Roman & Assoc., Inc.	11.98%
Fire Protection Improvements Boston State College	10%	Cleverdon, Varney & Pike	10%
		Frank E. Gallagher Engineering, Inc./Goodwin Gallagher Assoc.	12%
		Samuel Ussia & Assoc., Inc.	9%
Fire Protection Improvements Bridgewater State College	10%	Engineers, Inc.	12%
		Johnson & Stover, Inc.	9.3%
		Shepherd Engineering, Inc.	9.25%
Fire Protection Improvements Fitchburg State College	9.75%	Cleverdon, Varney & Pike	9.75%
		Helden Associates, Inc.	9.75
		Samuel Ussia & Associates, Inc.	8.75%
Fire Protection Improvements North Adams State College	9.4%	Helden Associates, Inc.	9.4%
		Shepherd Engineering, Inc.	8.7%
		Torpey Engineering, Inc.	7.9%
Fire Protection Improvements Westfield State College	8%	Helden Associates, Inc.	8%
		Shooshanian Engineering, Inc.	7.8%
		Torpey Engineering, Inc.	7.2%
Parking Lot, Mount Wachusett Community College Gardner	10%	M.M. Davis, Architect	4.75%
		Edwards and Kelsey, Inc.	13.45%
		Mason and Frey	5.8%
Rehabilitation of Utilities Wrentham State School	10.4%	Bratiotis & MacConnell/E.P. Fisher Assoc.	5.4%
		Fitzemeyer & Tocci, Inc.	4.0%
		E.J. Flynn Engineers, Inc.	5.74%

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News from the Chapter Office

Calendar

March 3-5
Marketing Management Workshop in Boston
(see February *Chapterletter*)

March 21
Affiliate Membership Program: The Aquarium, 5:00 p.m., Central Wharf off Atlantic Ave.

March 27
Affiliate Membership Program: The Federal Reserve Building, 4:00 p.m., 600 Atlantic Ave.

April 1 & 2
Annual Conference & Producer's Exhibit

April 23
Affiliate Membership Program: Robert Campbell, 5:30 p.m., BAC

June 1-5
AIA Convention in Cincinnati

Interior Architecture Committee Forming

In response to the recent BSA Committee Questionnaire, Michael O. McKenna AIA of Professional Designs, Inc. has suggested that the BSA form an Interior Architecture Committee. "With an increased number of architects practicing interior design either as a primary or ancillary service, it is important to have some means of meeting their professional information needs, and of creating a public awareness that architects can successfully provide interior design services (and that professional design services are, in fact, a worthwhile investment)."

The first meeting of this committee will take place at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 13 at the BAC. Please call the Chapter office before the 13th (267-5175) if you would like to attend so that lunch can be ordered.

MSAA Receives Recommendations of Special Commission

The MSAA has retained Hill and Barlow to review the various legislative recommendations of the Special Commission. This is an exceedingly difficult issue to summarize in this limited space. Any member wishing the full report of the MSAA Executive Committee as reported by Carl Sapres to the Special Commission may have it by calling the Chapter office.

Continued Use of the Phrase "General Supervision" in the State/ Designer Contract — MSAA should push for corrected wording.

Requirement That All Designer Contracts Be Lump Sum — Lump Sum should not be the only method of compensation.

Increased DSB Control Over Identity of the Designer's Subconsultants — Consensus indicated willingness to list consultants but requested right to substitute or to adjust fee.

Should Architects Be Required to *Keep and File Detailed Records* — Feeling was this requirement too strict, but could be limited, based on size of job, such as contracts of $500,000, with independent CPA report.

Disqualification of Designers — Disqualification for improper acts obviously must be covered, but method of disqualification must be reviewed and revised.

Professional Liability Insurance — Feeling that this should be left out of statute, but could be administratively applied; should leave latitude for future changes in method of covering liability.

Do You Favor *Elimination of Allowances and Restrictions* In the Use of Alternates in Public Bidding — Suggest this be eliminated from the legislation.

New Construction Techniques — Feeling is that putting provisions in new techniques in legislation is the wrong place. The director of project management should determine method for a particular project, and selection of consultants should be adapted to meet this project requirement.

On the matter of the repeal of the Filed Sub-bid Law the Executive Committee agreed that Mr. Sapers could express that the Executive Committee is in favor of the general direction of the Commission's recommendations. However, the Executive Committee feels obligated to communicate with the membership to determine the direction it will take.

BOSTON by FOOT Sponsors Annual Spring Training Program

BOSTON by FOOT is recruiting volunteer guides for its spring lecture and field trip series. Those who take the course as guides-in-training commit themselves to conducting eight tours from June through October during the 1980 season. The course is also open to auditors who do not wish to become guides. Tuition is $38.00 for guides-in-training and $68.00 for auditors.

For further information on these sessions or about the Training program, call Polly Flansburgh at 617-367-2345.

New Location
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The Bookshop is a proven success. We urgently need a larger space now for display, browsing. Present space for staff and programming have run out.

This recommendation concludes an effort that began in 1977. In 1978 George Notter FAIA concluded his Space Search Report: We see a relocated headquarter having a sophisticated Bookshop with Document sales, a Members' Lounge and Conference Space, all providing a strong public impact.

The current Space Search Committee (membership includes Earl Flansburgh FAIA, Peter Forbes AIA, Marilyn Fraser AIA, George M. Notter, Jr. FAIA, Thomas M. Payette FAIA, Terry Rankine FAIA, A. Anthony Tappe AIA and the Board of Directors believe that the Charles Street Meeting House meets the standards of the Chapter in terms of the building and the location. A notice of the open membership Board meeting to present this proposal will be sent shortly.

Energy Agenda
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Finally, the desire to hold another *Sunchanics Conference* (March 1970) which was co-sponsored by the BSA as coordinated by SECA (Service for Energy Conservation in Architecture) has been expressed and will be studied as to its organization.

In summary, BEPS, the Energy Clearinghouse capability and the planning of another edition of the Sunchanics Conference — in order of priority, items to be the 1980 Energy Agenda for the Chapter.

Comments of the 1980 Energy Agenda are desired by the Energy Committee: please contact Don R. Brown, Chairman at 536-3170, afternoons.